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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: 11-109 Docket, Public Notice Reply Comments

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I write today to support LightSquared, and its efforts to build a revolutionary new 4G network that will provide coverage to rural areas. I understand that LightSquared has already invested over \$4 billion in this project, only to be shut down by the FCC.

At a time when my own state of Kentucky is in financial trouble, and virtually every county and city government in Kentucky is broke, the investment of private capital in our communications systems ought to be encouraged. LightSquared's goal is to provide good cellular telephone service and broadband wireless internet service to 260 million Americans, most of them rural.

I live in Grayson County, Kentucky, and am the store manager for a company that sells farm equipment, a business which relies on telephone communications every day, as do most businesses. However, in Kentucky, there is good cell service in larger towns, and everywhere else, the service goes from nonexistent in most places to barely adequate around many county seats and residential areas. There are long stretches of highway in which I can't make a cell phone call at all, and everywhere else dropped calls are constant.

This is not just an issue of convenience. It is an issue of economic development as well. Kentucky's economy is not in good shape right now, and one reason is that businesses will not locate and hire employees in areas that do not have good communications. It is that simple. If you are going to build a factory or an office building or any type of business, and you have a choice of where to locate it, you are not going to put it in a place that has no cell service or wireless broadband service. That effectively shuts our county out of most economic development, and particularly any type of new business that is based on communications.

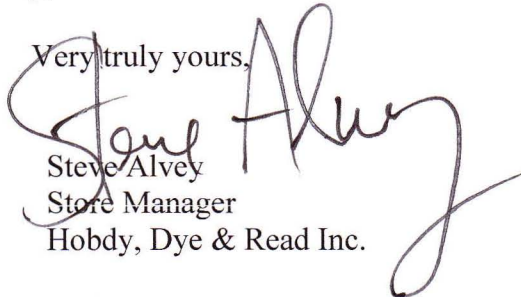
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I understand that safety issues were raised by the GPS industry, and I understand that these safety concerns must be taken into account by the FCC. The problem is that the need for this service in rural areas still exists, and no other private company has any plan to fill in the gap. Only LightSquared has the capital and is prepared to make the investment needed to build this network.

Therefore, I strongly urge you and your agency to work with LightSquared in any way possible, and help LightSquared find another solution to this engineering problem. I do not know what alternatives are available, but if other frequencies were available, LightSquared were allowed to acquire these in some way, this would seem to solve all the technical problems.

My bottom line position is that this is too important an issue to rural America to allow one segment of the telecommunications industry to absolutely shut out another. Rural America needs the educational, economic, and public safety benefits of a good cellular telephone and wireless broadband service, such as the one proposed by LightSquared. I urge the FCC to do whatever it can do to help LightSquared find some solution, whether on an alternative part of the spectrum, or in some other way, that would allow it to go forward and help bring good communications to places like Grayson County, Kentucky, and the rest of America.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Steve Alvey", is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Steve Alvey
Store Manager
Hobdy, Dye & Read Inc.